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### Quote of the Week

"When once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return."

—Leonardo da Vinci

## 96th member recognized as Air Force best

By Airman 1st Class  
Brad Pettit

Editor

A 96th Flying Training Squadron member was recently recognized as the Outstanding Air Force Operations Resource Management Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

Tech. Sgt. Revonda Rials, flight manager, was presented the award by Maj. Gen. John A. Bradley, 10th Air Force commander, in a March 9 ceremony here for her performance as flight management section NCOIC while stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base, La.

While serving as flight manager there, Tech. Sgt. Rials was the sole point of contact for flight management

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

## Team Laughlin 'XL's

Military and civilian representatives from various base squadrons gather in front of a T-37 Wednesday to illustrate the teamwork required to "Train the World's Best Pilots." Laughlin made history March 21 for the most sorties flown in a single day with a record-breaking 381. The previous record for sorties flown in one day was 368. On average, Laughlin flies an estimated 300 sorties daily. A sortie is generally counted as each takeoff per aircraft, which counts even if an aircraft does not complete its mission. Inclement weather in late fall and winter created a need to fly more missions to catch up, and Team Laughlin met and exceeded its goal.

## Base members promoted, reenlist

With the arrival of April comes a time for moving up the chain for several Laughlin members who will be sewing and pinning on more stripes and bars. And with the end of March, Laughlin can now boast several new re-enlistees. Those being promoted during the month of April are:

<u>To 1st lieutenant</u>	<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Date</u>
William J. Radford	86th Flying Training Squadron	April 18
<u>To master sergeant</u>	<u>Squadron</u>	
Mario Curiel	47th Contracting Squadron	April 1
<u>To technical sergeant</u>		
Pope Johnson	47th Operations Support Squadron	April 1
<u>To staff sergeant</u>		
Jonathan Howells	47th Security Forces Squadron	April 1
William Root	47th Operations Support Squadron	April 1
Damaris Schafer	47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron	April 1
<u>To senior airman</u>		
Jonathan Faust	47th Operations Support Squadron	April 1

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## Daylight- saving time

Don't forget to move those clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday to observe daylight-saving time.

### Did you know?

Benjamin Franklin is credited with conceiving the idea of daylight-saving time during a sojourn as an American delegate in Paris in 1784, in an essay entitled, "An Economical Project."

# Commander's Corner

## Vandalism

*Laughlin's gated community still needs watchful neighbors*

**By Col. Jack Egginton**

*47th Flying Training Wing commander*

Laughlin is a secure environment, completely fenced with 24-hour controlled access – what is commonly referred to as a gated community.

Being a gated community helps our residents enjoy a lifestyle that is secure from most criminal elements. But one issue requires us all to remain close-knit and watchful of our neighbor's property as well as our own.

Vandalism. It may range from simple mischief to malicious damage to personal and government property. Here at Laughlin it hasn't reached epidemic proportions, but the trend is heading in the wrong direction over the past few months.

Vandalism could be as simple as denting the door on a neighbor's old vehicle while playing kickball or bicycle riding through the neighborhood. The damage caused may not be intentional, but failing to tell the property owner leaves no recourse except to report it as vandalism. After all, that old vehicle represents someone's pride and joy, and someone will have to

pay the costs to repair the damage.

The bottom line is that vandalism always costs someone, and often that someone is the government in our special gated community. This cost comes out of our military operating budget, and that might mean we couldn't train as many pilots as we are scheduled to train.

Sometimes the problem isn't vandalism. It can be as simple as acting without taking the time to think about the consequences.

Take the airman who works several extra hours resolving an issue and falls into bed to get a few hours of needed sleep before returning to work for the early shift tomorrow. Banging on her dorm door when you return from a party at 2 a.m. and then running away really hurts no one, right?

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**-Col. Jack Egginton**  
*47th Flying Training Wing commander*

Well, how about if that same sleepy airman is scheduled to go on perimeter patrol with live weapons at oh-dark-thirty to protect our community and us?

We can combat all these issues. The civilian world uses "neighborhood watch" or similar programs. We don't have a formal program at Laughlin because we don't need one.

Anyone on this installation can call the security forces desk at 298-5100 and get a response within a couple of minutes.

What we really need is simply to be good neighbors and take the time to pay attention to what is going on around us – at work and at home. We all appreciate someone who lets us know they'll make sure our property is safe

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## What if my experience were an Air Force ad?

**By Master Sgt. Doug Jennings**

*Air Education and Training Command*

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE – Two months ago I was diagnosed with an operable brain tumor and had surgery Feb. 26.

During the whole process of preparing for the surgery and possible death, I have never been so proud to be a member of the United States Air Force, and if the Air Force videotaped my life during the past few weeks, we would have the best recruiting ad yet.

I begin with the legal office. The people there provided me with the finest possible service in will and legal preparation, and those who work in the survivor benefits office were extremely informative and sensitive to my situation.

Now to the medical care. All the medical personnel from Brooke Army Medical Center were totally professional – from my neurosurgeon, Marine Corps Maj. (Dr.) Christopher Sturm, to the soldiers and nurses who cared for me during my stay in the hospital in Ward 7E. I could not have asked for any better medical care, and it only cost me \$8 a day.

When I went under anesthesia, what kept me going despite the uncertainty of the outcome was the kindness and encouragement I received from across the Air Force.

Some of my family members came in from Mississippi and Tennessee to stay for several weeks, and members from my unit in the logistics directorate at Air Education and Training Command headquarters offered to provide meals for them for the duration of their stay. Knowing there were

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***"Excellence – not our goal, but our standard."***

*– 47 FTW motto*

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while we are gone for a weekend or for that long-awaited two-week vacation.

So please take the initiative. Find out who will be around while you're gone and ask them to take a moment to watch your home. People like to be asked to help – it makes us important members of our community. Let your neighbors know you're there for them, too.

Vandalism or mischief. We have the answer to combat this trend and make our community more comfortable, neighborly and safe. Pay attention to what goes on around you, and report suspicious activities to our security forces.

In simple terms – be a good neighbor.

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people who would bring a meal each night was such a tremendous relief for my wife and me.

During that time, my family members called home several times to tell other folks about how great I was being treated. I wouldn't be surprised if we get a couple recruits just on that note.

Now, physical and occupational therapists are taking care of me during my after-care treatment, and they, too, are totally professional.

I have received gifts, cards and, most importantly, prayers from throughout Randolph and the Air Force community. This experience has reinforced in me what the Air Force family is all about, and if the Air Force videotaped my life during the past few weeks, we would have the best recruiting ad yet – and enlistments would skyrocket!

(Courtesy of AETC News Service)

**Listening: a major role in communication**

**By Gen. Lester L. Lyles**  
*Air Force Materiel Command commander*

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – Most of us know the story of how Alexander Graham Bell and his assistant, Thomas A. Watson, invented the telephone.

In 1876, the two were tinkering with a mechanism they hoped would someday allow speech to be transmitted over wires. Watson listened to his crude receiver and heard Bell's crackling voice utter the words, "Watson. Come here, I need you."

Two key elements made this historic event happen. Bell's voice was actually carried over the wires, and Watson was listening. By listening, he completed the communication process and the message was received.

Communication is one of my guiding principles. Many of you have heard me say that I live by the phrase "communicate, communicate, communicate."

I believe it's important to us in the Air Force – and in our daily lives. We cannot function

as an office, organization, community or society unless we communicate with one another.

But it's a two-way process. If the message is sent, but no one receives it, the communication process breaks down. Just like Watson, we all have to be good listeners.

We all must strive to listen to the people around us. Whether it's the commander listening to one of his people or a young airman listening to guidance from his first sergeant, we cannot communicate unless we listen.

All commanders and supervisors, military and civilian, need to ensure a two-way flow of information is taking place with their people. Leaders, no matter at what level, need to hear from their people about their issues, concerns, thoughts and ideas. They, in turn, must share information with their people and their people must listen.

And listening involves more than simply turning an ear to what someone is saying. We must take the information we hear, process it, think about it and respond in some manner.

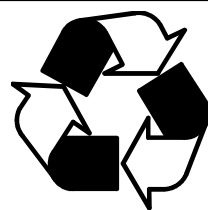
We should not treat people the same way we treat our car radio – simply there for background noise and we "tune in" only when we hear something of interest.

There are, of course, many techniques and forums that foster good communication. And not everyone prefers to communicate the same way. Personally, I have an "open door" policy. This doesn't mean my office door is always open, but it does mean I am accessible.

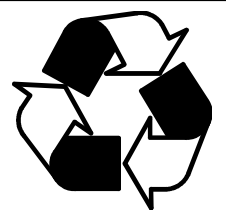
You may prefer to communicate by phone, by walking around your work area and talking with people one-on-one, or meeting in a group session at an offsite or working lunch. The setting doesn't matter as long as that two-way communication is taking place.

Everyone should know they can get information to their supervisor or commander. However, this doesn't mean violating the chain of command or going "over someone's head." Everyone up and down the chain should be involved.

But most importantly, everyone should listen.



# Recycle...

**Actionline**

*Call 298-5351*

personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the Border Eagle. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation, and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely per-



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47 FTW commander

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

## The right stuff

Oscar Bocanegra (right), Civilian Personnel Flight classification assistant, learns the ropes from supervisor Fil Jimenez, CPF flight chief, Tuesday at the Civilian Personnel Flight. Bocanegra is a 22-year-old native of Del Rio who has been selected to work at Laughlin for the next three years under the PALACE Acquire Civilian Intern Program. Bocanegra is part of a special cadre of PALACE

Acquire civilian trainees serving at more than 100 Air Force bases in the continental United States, Hawaii and Alaska in more than 20 career fields. To be selected for appointment requires completion of a four-year course of study leading to a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with either an accumulative grade point average of 3.45 or higher, or class rank in the top 10 percent.

# CCAF increases affiliated schools

**By Lynis Cox**

*Air University Public Affairs*

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — On the eve of its 29th birthday, the world's largest community college is forging ahead with new policy and technological advances to better develop the academic potential of Air Force enlisted personnel.

"We are definitely not 29 and holding," said Dr. Elane Seebo, Dean of Academic Affairs. "The Community College of the Air Force is committed to growth, to meeting the educational needs of the enlisted force."

Policy Council members recently voted to recommend an increase in the number of affiliated member schools from 122 to 135. Increasing the number of affiliated schools means students can receive credit for more courses applicable to CCAF degrees.

Recently, CCAF brought base education offices on line with a system that allows career advisers timely access to servicemembers' educational records. The system has reported more than 50,000 hits since it became fully operational Jan. 31. Future plans include expanding the system so students can use the Internet to check their progress toward earning a degree.

Col. Jim McBride, CCAF commander and president, said the college plays a vital role in fulfilling the Air Force's education commitment to its people.

"We have awarded more than 209,000 associate degrees since we opened in 1972, and we are looking at ways every day to give enlisted personnel more opportunities to achieve degrees early in their careers," he said. "Education builds a strong foundation for the future of our Air Force's aerospace mission."

The rapid change in communications and warfighting technology has accelerated demand for critical thinking, teamwork and commitment on the part of Air Force personnel, the colonel added. CCAF provides airmen with the means to meet these demands and achieve their personal goals.

The college's accomplishments in job-related education give airmen an opportunity they might not otherwise have because of the demands of military life. The degrees are directly related to Air Force Specialty Codes and are designed to sharpen the technical, leadership and management capabilities of the enlisted corps.

CCAF is exploring the possibility of offering



## Newsline

### SGLI increase to \$250,000

SGLI insurance will increase to \$250,000, effective Sunday. Those who have elected less than full coverage or no coverage at all must visit MPF Customer Service between Monday and April 30 to reaccomplish the new SGLI form. Those who wait until after April 30 will not be reimbursed. The insurance of those who already have full coverage will automatically increase to the new amount. They do not have to reaccomplish the form. However, the monthly deduction for SGLI will increase to \$20.

For more information on this increase, contact Tech Sgt. Sabina M. Wiener at 298-5277.

### Recycling, refuse issues

For help regarding refuse problems or concerns for base housing and mobile home customers, call Pat Lunn at 298-5247.

For help regarding recycling problems or concerns for base housing and mobile home customers, call Ron Widrig at 298-5063.

### OSC scholarship update

A scholarship is currently available to enlisted, civilian and officer personnel, retired servicemembers, and their dependents. The \$8,000 scholarship is being sponsored by the Laughlin Officers' Spouses' Club. USPA and IRA are sponsoring an additional \$1,000 scholarship.

The four categories of applicants are:

- E-4 and below (active duty or active Reserve) stationed at Laughlin
- Spouses of sponsors stationed at Laughlin or on a remote assignment, active Reserve, retired military, or those whose sponsor died while on active duty or in a retired military status
- High school seniors graduating from an accredited school in the class of 2001. The sponsor can be in any of the same categories as the spouse applicant or can be a Department of Defense civil service employee.
- Post-high school dependent applicants are eligible if they are fulfilling the Air Force criteria to meet dependent status of being enrolled as a full-time student and meet age requirements. The sponsor must be stationed at Laughlin or live within 80 miles of Laughlin if in a retired status. This is a recent change in eligibility.

Guidelines and applications are available at the Laughlin Education Office, Family Support Center and the Book Mark Library.

The deadline for submissions is April 13. For additional information, call Bob Harry at 298-6422 or at home at 298-7956.

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## Tax assistance still available

By Janice Bush

47th Flying Training Wing Legal Office

**W**ith just a few more weeks left, there is still time to file your 2000 income tax return on time.

The Laughlin Tax Center can assist base members in preparing their taxes. The Tax Center is staffed with legal personnel and volunteer income tax assistance (VITA) representatives who are located in various squadrons throughout the base.

Base members are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. The 2000 tax season will end April 16, and the tax center will close at 4:30 p.m.

The tax center is limited to individual income tax assistance. State tax forms are not available, but one can download the forms and instructions off the Internet at

www.IRS.GOV.

The VITA reps are unable to provide advice or assistance to anyone owning a private business or a partnership. However, taxpayers may fill out a Schedule C or Schedule K-1 and bring it in with the rest of their tax documents for electronic filing.

Electronic filing is one of the quickest ways to get an income tax refund. Specifically, electronic filing can provide a refund to a person within two weeks if that person indicates it is all right to direct deposit money into his or her account.

Free tax advice and electronic tax filing are invaluable services offered to the military community.

The tax center is located on the second floor of the Wing Headquarters Building.

For more information, call Janice Bush at the Laughlin Tax Center at 298-4858.

## Crash claims two pilots

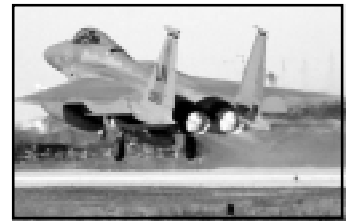
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staff reports

Search and rescue teams found the wreckage of two F-15C Eagle aircraft and the body of a pilot from a Monday crash near Ben Macdui in the Cairngorm Mountains, Scotland.

The remains of Lt. Col. Kenneth Hyvonen, 48th Operations Support Squadron, 40, were found Tuesday.

Royal Air Force and civilian mountain rescue teams experienced some of the worst weather conditions seen in the last 17 years including temperatures of minus 24 degrees, severe avalanche risk and zero visibility. Because of the inclement weather, the search for the second pilot was temporarily suspended as of Thursday.

Lt. Col. Hyvonen and Capt. Kirk Jones, 493rd Fighter



(Courtesy photo)

The F-15C aircraft is a single-seat, all-weather, tactical fighter designed to gain and maintain air superiority in aerial combat.

Squadron, from Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, were each piloting an F-15C when both disappeared off radar Monday over Northern Scotland.

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A board of Air Force officers is investigating the cause of the accident.



## From the Blotter

(March 3-20)



■ Civil law enforcement personnel arrested a military member for allegedly transporting four undocumented Mexican nationals in his privately owned vehicle to his off-base residence. The individual was released to the first sergeant pending commander's action.

■ An individual driving a Suburban backed into a parked Volvo. Damage to the Volvo consisted of a broken signal light and damaged headlight.

■ Three Interstate deep-cycle batteries were stolen from three different boats docked at the Southwinds Marina. An investigation is under way.

■ During a routine 100-percent identification check, security forces detected the smell of alcoholic beverages coming from a civilian driver attempting to enter the base. After failing a field sobriety test, the local authorities were called and took custody of the individual.

**Tips of the week:** To sponsor someone on base on a one time basis, contact the law enforcement desk at 298-5100. To sponsor someone for a longer period (one or two weeks), contact Pass and ID at 298-5349.

■ Special events such as weddings and parties require a typed list to be provided to security forces 72 hours in advance with the names of the attendees and also a point of contact with a telephone number. Not following these wing requirements could result in a guest being turned away. Alphabetizing the list will help the gate guard find names faster and expedite entry. All drivers must have a driver's license and proof of insurance to enter the installation.

**Safety tip of the week:** Rollerblading is only allowed in the housing areas and on the road to the west gate when the gate is closed. All bicyclists and rollerbladers must wear a helmet.

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issues and coordinated, resolved and managed numerous aircrew and flight surgeon issues. She reconciled errors consisting of lost flight time and combat support and flying time, and audited flying time histories and summaries against mission data sheets. She also augmented the unit orderly room and performed flight management duties simultaneously for two squadrons.

The sergeant, who performs many of the same duties here, says she is honored to receive the award, but feels she isn't the only Air Force flight manager worthy of the accolade.

"I am proud and grateful for this honor," she said, "but there are so many other flight management specialists who work very hard and strive to be the best. It is difficult for me to comprehend that I should even be considered, much less chosen."

Though the award was given for her performance at Barksdale, Tech. Sgt. Rials has been recognized for her work at the 96th as well. According to Lt. Col. Ken Mattison, 96 FTS commander, her attention to detail and desire to do an outstanding job are very evident.

"In the short time that Tech. Sgt. Rials has been a member of the 96 FTS, she has transformed our flying management program into a shining example of how this program should be managed and run," said Lt. Col. Mattison.

Though it ranks high on her list, Tech Sgt. Rials said only one experience in her Air Force career beats receiving the award.

"I do not think there will ever be a moment better than graduating basic training," she said with a smile. "There is nothing like the moment when you have finally made it and you know there will be no more training instructors! This is [almost] equal, though."

Since her arrival at Laughlin in August 2000, Tech Sgt. Rials says she has enjoyed her time here, and it has only added to her career satisfaction.

"The atmosphere is friendly and team-oriented," she explained. "I like it here, I love the Air Force, and I love my job!"

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<b><u>To senior airman</u></b>	<b><u>Squadron</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
Arturo Gonzalez	47th Operations Support Squadron	April 29
Rodney Kizzia	47th Security Forces Squadron	April 24
Jeffrey Polillo	47th Mission Support Squadron	April 29
Jorge Zapata	47th Security Forces Squadron	April 2
<b><u>To airman 1st class</u></b>		
Stephanie L. Ryan	47th Operations Support Squadron	April 1
<b><u>To airman</u></b>		
Evelyn Funchess	85th Flying Training Squadron	April 4

Those who reenlisted in March are:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Squadron</u></b>
1. Master Sgt. William Mayo	47th Services Division
2. Senior Airman Bruce Markman	47th Contracting Squadron
3. Staff Sgt. Jose Cavazos	84th Flying Training Squadron
4. Tech Sgt. Robert Ochs	47th Operations Support Squadron
5. Staff Sgt. Dennis Bensel	47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron
6. Senior Airman Rodney McCulloch	47th Operations Support Squadron
7. Staff Sgt. David Moore	47th Medical Group
8. Master Sgt. Vernon Putnam	47th Communications Squadron

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enlisted Air Force members the opportunity to earn additional academic degrees or professional credentials, such as certificates or licenses in specific fields. Most recently, the Federal Aviation Administration granted CCAF authority to verify eligibility requirements and issue certificates for Air Force members to take the airframe and power plant exam.

The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education of the American Physical Therapy Association accredits the college’s physical therapist degree program. Graduates of this CCAF program are automatically authorized to take the Physical Therapy Assistant State License examination.

The college is also exploring options to expand opportunities for obtaining a wider variety of associate and bachelor’s degrees, including coalitions of educational partners and a variety of distance learning opportunities.

The CCAF system is composed of the academic administrative center headquartered here, the affiliated schools, almost 6,000 instructors and nearly 300 education advisement locations around the globe. More than 373,000 enlisted members are currently registered with the college.

(Courtesy of AETC News Service)



Photo by Dave Niebergall

**Top wheels**

Maj. Joel Dickinson, 47th Security Forces Squadron commander, judges a general purpose vehicle at the March 6 Top Wheels competition as Lynn Cline, 47th Transportation Division fleet manager, looks on. The Top Wheels competition judges unit government vehicles for appearance, cleanliness and general upkeep. The winners for general and special purpose categories were Rocky Strong and Lorenzo Perez III from the 47th Supply Division.



(Courtesy photo)

## Navajo recognition

Capt. Henry Bake Jr. (left) and Private 1st Class George Kirk were two Navajo Indians serving as Code Talkers in 1943. Code Talkers were Navajo men recruited by the Marines as radio operators during World War II. Because of the Japanese success in breaking U.S. radio codes at the start of the war, early operations in the Pacific were being compromised. The Navajo people's language was complex, not recorded in books and unknown outside of the reservation. With a few adjustments to encompass military jargon, the language was perfect for transmitting secret and sensitive information. The U.S. Air Force Band of the Rockies, stationed at Peterson AFB, Colo., gave a performance to the Navajo Nation at Window Rock, Ariz., in early March to honor the fabled Navajo Code Talkers.

## AETC announces its Outstanding Airmen of the Year

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Air Education and Training Command announced the AETC Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2000 during a ceremony at Lackland AFB Wednesday.

Senior Master Sgt. George W. Mason won the Senior NCO of the Year category; Master Sgt. Thomas J. Purtle was named First Sergeant of the Year; Tech. Sgt. Maria D. Cornelia was selected as the Noncommissioned Officer of the Year; and Staff Sgt. Robert S. Pullin was presented the Airman of the Year award.

Sergeant Mason is superintendent of the 325th Contracting Squadron at Tyndall AFB, Fla., and was selected as the 19th Air Force Senior NCO of the Year for 2000. He was actively involved in AETC efforts to privatize utilities at eight bases in the command. Sergeant Mason managed an energy savings contract that saved more than \$500,000 for Air Force installations in the southeast United States. He also streamlined requests for local purchase procedures by reducing the process by 30 days.

Sergeant Purtle is the first sergeant for the 384th Training Squadron at Sheppard AFB and was selected as the 82nd Training Wing First Sergeant of the Year. He developed an alcohol-related incident reduction/deterrence program that cut his squadron's incident rate by 50 percent. Sergeant Purtle also worked with a local congressional office to resolve a complex citizenship issue for the child of a student in the squadron. He intervened in several domestic incidents and attempted suicides to take care of unit members and their families, as well as obtained more than \$10,000 in loans from the Air Force Aid Society for squadron members.

Sergeant Cornelia is assigned to the 320th Training Squadron at Lackland AFB as a section supervisor and won the Commander's Excellence Award for 2000 for her squadron. She led her military training instructors to 12 "Outstanding" ratings in periodic standardization/evaluation evaluations, and 15 of her basic military training flights earned the title of "Honor Flight."

Sergeant Pullin is assigned to the 17th Security Forces Squadron at Goodfellow AFB as a military working dog handler and was named the AETC Outstanding Security Forces Airman for 2000.

Former Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Sam E. Parish was the guest speaker at the banquet, which highlighted a four-day visit to Randolph and Lackland Air Force bases for the nominees and their spouses.

AETC honored all nominees and their spouses by bringing them to San Antonio and giving them first-hand information about the command's mission, airman assignments and promotions. The nominees also visited basic military training instructors and trainees, and they spent time touring San Antonio and experiencing the unique culture in the city.

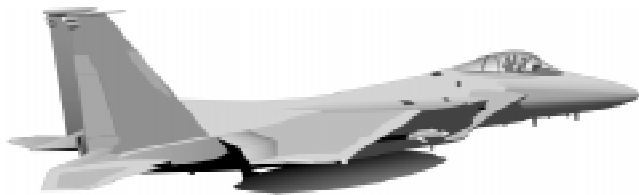
These AETC winners will compete at the Air Force-level competition in their respective categories.

(Courtesy AETC News Service)



## Where are they now?

**Name:** Lt. Col. Anthony "Kimo" Schiavi  
**Class/date of graduation from Laughlin:** Class 88-03, Feb. 26, 1988  
**Aircraft you now fly and base you are stationed at:** F-15, 102 FW, Otis Air National Guard Base, Mass.  
**Mission of your current aircraft?** Air superiority  
**What do you like most about your current aircraft?** It is still the number one air superiority aircraft in the world.  
**What do you dislike most about your current aircraft?** It is getting old, and sustainability and maintainability are becoming an issue.  
**What was the most important thing you learned at Laughlin besides learning to fly?** With hard work as a team you can accomplish anything!  
**What is your most memorable experience from Laughlin?** We worked together to pull everyone together and help those who were struggling.  
**What advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin?** Study as hard as you can, work as a team, but also don't forget to have fun.



## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic

#### **Saturday**

-Vigil Mass, 5 p.m.

#### **Sunday**

-Mass, 5 p.m.

-Mass, 9:30 a.m.

-Confession by appointment

-Little Rock Scripture Study, 11 a.m. in Chapel Fellowship Hall

#### **Thursday**

-Choir, 6 p.m.

-CCD, 11 a.m., Religious Education Building

### Jewish

Max Stool, call 775-4519

### Muslim

Dr. Mostafa Salama, call 768-9200.

### Protestant

#### **Sunday**

-General worship, 11 a.m.

-Sunday school, 9:30

a.m. at the Religious Education Building

#### **Monday**

Student Wives' Fellowship, 7-9 p.m. Call 298-7365.

#### **Wednesday**

-Women's Bible Study, 12:30-2:15 p.m. at Chapel

-Choir, 7 p.m. at Chapel

### Chapel Youth Group

#### **Sunday**

-5 p.m. Chapel Fellowship Hall

*For more information on Chapel events and services, call 298-5111.*

## The XLer

**Hometown:** Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.

**Family:** Husband, Fred

**Time at Laughlin:** 2 years

**Time in service:** 4 1/2 years

**Name one way to improve life at**

**Laughlin:** Every office should adopt a "ch-ch-ch-chia" pet

**Hobbies:** Collecting stray animals

**Greatest accomplishment:** Surrendering my life to Christ

**Bad habit:** Getting overcommitted

**Favorite beverage:** Coffee

**Favorite food:** Spaghetti

**Motto:** I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

**If you could spend one hour with any person, who would it be and why?** Jesus Christ. I would like to thank the one who made the ultimate sacrifice for me.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

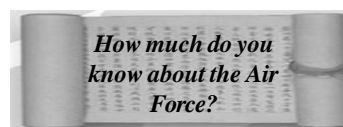
**Capt. Melissa Cunningham**

47th Flying Training Wing executive officer

**Q:** At one point in the history of U.S. air power, the total number of aircraft in the inventory consisted of one plane and one pilot. What future Chief of the Army Air Corps piloted that aircraft, and what type of aircraft was it?  
 (a) Mason Patrick, DH-4  
 (b) Hap Arnold, Curtiss "Jenny"  
 (c) Benjamin Foulois, Wright Flyer A

**A:** The correct answers is (c). In 1910, Foulois

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was ordered to take Airplane No. 1 – a Wright Flyer A – to Fort Sam Houston and "teach yourself to fly." While there, he invented safety belts and replaced landing skids with wheels.

**Q:** When the U.S. entered World War I, mobilization took place almost overnight.

Where did the Army Air Service turn for advanced pilot training?

- (a) Civilian contractors
- (b) Army Training Command
- (c) Allied nations

**A:** The correct answer is (c). Most advanced pilot and observer training took place overseas, especially at Issoudun, France, which conducted all specialized fighter training. The British and Italians provided some primary training to pilots.

## Alive, recovering: What would your story be?

By Danny Cable  
81st Training Group

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. – Following a good day at work recently, I was fortunate to be able to go home an hour early. My wife left her job at 5 p.m. and was driving home.

I was already home watching television and deciding what I was going to do that evening when the phone rang. It was my wife. She said she was in an accident and wanted me to come and get her.

I asked if she was OK, and she said, "No, I'm not." I immediately went to the scene of the accident, about a quarter mile from our house. I was shocked by the damage to my wife's car. Another driver ran a stop sign and struck my wife's car causing it to crash into a light pole. The front end was crushed.

My wife was still in the car. Her door was jammed and she couldn't get it open. I asked her how she was. She said, "Look at my foot." It was dislocated. The ambulance eventually arrived and she was taken to the hospital emergency room. Her right leg, ankle and foot were broken in six places; she had multiple bruises and was in a lot of pain. But things could have been much worse. Her seat belt and air bag saved her life.

We take so much for granted and have a tendency to joke about the safety messages that bombard us. I'm thankful the Air Force continues to stress safety. My wife had to wear a full-leg cast and missed six weeks of work. But she's alive and recovering because she was prepared for that accident and wore her seatbelt.

(Courtesy of AETC News Service)

## Women's History Month: *Jane Addams: Nobel Peace Prize winner*



1860-1935

Compiled from staff reports

Jane Addams is remembered primarily as a founder of the Settlement House Movement. She and her friend Ellen Starr founded Hull House in the slums of Chicago in 1889. She is remembered as the first American woman to get the Nobel Peace Prize.

Jane is portrayed as the selfless giver of ministrations to the poor, but few realize she was a mover and shaker in the areas of labor reform, laws that governed working conditions for children and women, and was a founder of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People).

Jane grew up in the small community of Cedarville, Ill. Jane attended the Rockford Seminary for young ladies and excelled in her studies. She also developed strong leadership traits, and her classmates admired her and followed her examples. Jane decided she wished to pursue a degree in medicine when she completed her studies at Rockford. This choice caused a great stir in the Addams household. Her parents felt she had enough education and were concerned she would never get married or have a family, which was expected of all upper-class young ladies at that time.

Addams later took a trip to Europe with friends. She did a lot of the usual tourist things, but, by chance, when she was in England she was introduced to the founders and the workings of Toynbee Hall, a settlement house in the slums of London. It did not im-

mediately strike her that social work was to be her calling. It took some time after returning to the United States before she and her traveling companion, Ellen Starr, committed themselves to the idea of starting a settlement house in Chicago.

Once committed, there was no stopping these young ladies, especially Jane. Jane was the fireball; she was the creator, the innovator, the leader. People flocked to her. Anything she needed she was able to procure from some patron. Money poured in. Within a few years Hull House was able to offer medical care, child care and legal aid, as well as classes to teach immigrants English, vocational skills, music, art and drama.

In 1893 a severe depression rocked the country. As the charitable efforts increased, so, too, did political ones. Jane realized there would be no end to poverty and need if the laws could not be changed. She directed her efforts at the causes of poverty. The workers joined Jane in pressuring the state of Illinois to look at the laws governing child labor, the laws for the factory inspection system, the juvenile justice system; they worked for legislation to protect immigrants from exploitation, limit the working hours of women, mandate schooling for children, recognize labor unions and provide for industrial safety.

All this led them to the right to vote for women. Addams worked for Chicago municipal suffrage and became first vice-president of the National American Women suffrage Association in 1911. She campaigned nationwide for Theodore Roosevelt and the Progressive Party in 1912.

Jane foresaw World War I, and in an effort to avert war, she organized the Women's Peace Party in 1915 and the International Congress of women, which met at The Hague a few months later and made serious diplomatic attempts to thwart the war. When these efforts failed and the U.S. joined the war in 1917, criticism of Jane rose. She was expelled from the Daughters of the American Revolution, but that did not slow her down.

In 1919 she was elected first president of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and held this position until her death in 1935. She was also the founder of the American Civil Liberties Union.

She received awards during this time, including the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931.

# Kitchen fires pose threat to Laughlin members' safety

By John H. Alexander  
*Fire prevention chief*

Human error and negligence continue to be the number one cause of fires. On March 19, another fire was reported in military family housing, resulting in fire and smoke damage to a kitchen stove, which caused approximately \$305 damage.

At 3:55 p.m. the fire alarm communication center received notification via 911 reporting a kitchen stove fire. Emergency response units were dispatched. Upon arrival, smoke was visible from the rear of the house. Firefighters entered the house through the front door, located the fire origin and made the area safe. Fortunately, there were no injuries or fatalities. The fire was caused by combustible items placed in the small broiler pan compartment under the main oven.

It happens every day, every hour, and every minute, but it's all too easy to take the attitude, "It's not going to happen to me." A fire can happen to anyone, anywhere, at any time. The destruction is most severe with the very young and the very old, but unfortunately, the destruction knows no limits.

Seventy percent of all fires and 90 percent of all fire deaths occur in residential fires. One of every 16 U.S. homes will have accidental fires each year. Air Education Training Command has experienced eight fire incidents during this fiscal year; five of these fires have been in military family housing structures.

Kitchen fires are the most frequently seen by firefighters. You can protect your household and property by following these fire safety rules:

- Know what items are left inside the oven before you start the preheat cycle, and never leave cooking unattended.
- Keep lids of pots handy and the handles turned inward.
- Heat oil slowly. Heating oil too fast and at high temperature is an easy way to start a serious kitchen fire. If grease catches fire, place a lid over the pan and turn off the heat.
- Never wear loose fitting clothes or big sleeves when cooking, and keep all metals out of microwave ovens.
- Be safe with electricity. Overloaded circuits are a constant problem that cause home fires. Multi-plugs should be avoided and extension cords limited to temporary use. Never run cords under rugs or furnishings. Replace any cord or plug that has cracks or visible damage.

Smoke detectors are time machines – they give you

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## Question of the week

What will you do with your extra hour of daylight?



"Go to the gym earlier."

**Airman Basic**  
**Sharee Branson**  
47th Communications Squadron



"Spend more time at the lake."

**Michelle Jordan**  
Civilian Personnel Flight



"Do more outside projects."

**Mario Prado**  
WIMSCO Ground Maintenance

Filler

# Chaplain conveys hope through his art

**By Staff Sgt. Michael O'Connor**  
305th Air Mobility Wing  
Public Affairs

MCGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE, N.J. – It is all in the eyes, says a chaplain here whose paintings of Amelia Earhart, Princess Diana and Mother Theresa were displayed on base recently.

"Eyes are very important in everything I create," said Chaplain (Capt.) Dwayne Jones, who has drawn and painted more than 500 pieces of art since he began at age 13.

"I try to convey what a person is feeling through their eyes and in order to do that, I have to know their story," said the 35-year-old native of Live Oak, Fla. "If I can't get into it and feel what I'm painting, I don't paint it."

Jones said he draws and paints everything from abstracts to landscapes, but it is through painting portraits that he is able to send a message of hope, restoration and relief to people, similar to his work as a chaplain.

For example, the chaplain said his portrait of Mother Theresa in pastel colors is his favorite because of what she represents to the

world and because it expresses the part of himself that is flowing and easygoing.

Jones said he seldom duplicates the same image, but if he does, it is always in a different style – a different side of him.

"Dwayne really found his niche with art and excelled in colored pencil drawing back when it was still in the beginning stages," said Jeffrey Smart Baisden, Jones' former Suwannee High School teacher and founding president of the Florida Chapter of the Colored Pencil Society of America. "He's always been a bit of a risk-taker when it comes to art. He used to mix graphite and colored pencil – always trying to push the envelope by mixing mediums and trying to be innovative with his ideas."

After graduating from college in 1990, the chaplain took a break from his art career and did not start back up until 2000. He said the 10-year break was caused in part by a busy lifestyle teaching art classes at the university and joining the seminary in 1996.

Jones, who has sold about 100 of his paintings throughout the years, has a

tendency to get animated when he is involved in his work. If a person were to listen closely, they might hear him humming away to some soft jazz music by Kenny G or Winston Salas, or an occasional "uh-huh" or "oh-yeah" while putting the final touches on the eyes or lightening the shadows on a portrait.

"Dwayne has a keen idea for details, especially with eyes," said his wife, Melanie. "Every now and then I'll sit and watch him – everything else is almost nonexistent when he's painting. He's in a world of his own when the headphones go on and the brush is in his hand."

Jones, who spends about 20 hours a week painting in a 5-by-7-foot space in the kitchen of his family's two-bedroom apartment, said painting is No. 3 on his list of priorities.

The chaplain's day starts at 6:30 a.m. as McGuire AFB's gospel service pastor and chaplain of the logistics group.

He provides marriage counseling and performs marriages, advises Protestant fellowship groups and oversees the Protestant youth program.

After the duty day is done, the chaplain said he enjoys spending quality time with his wife and 6-year-old

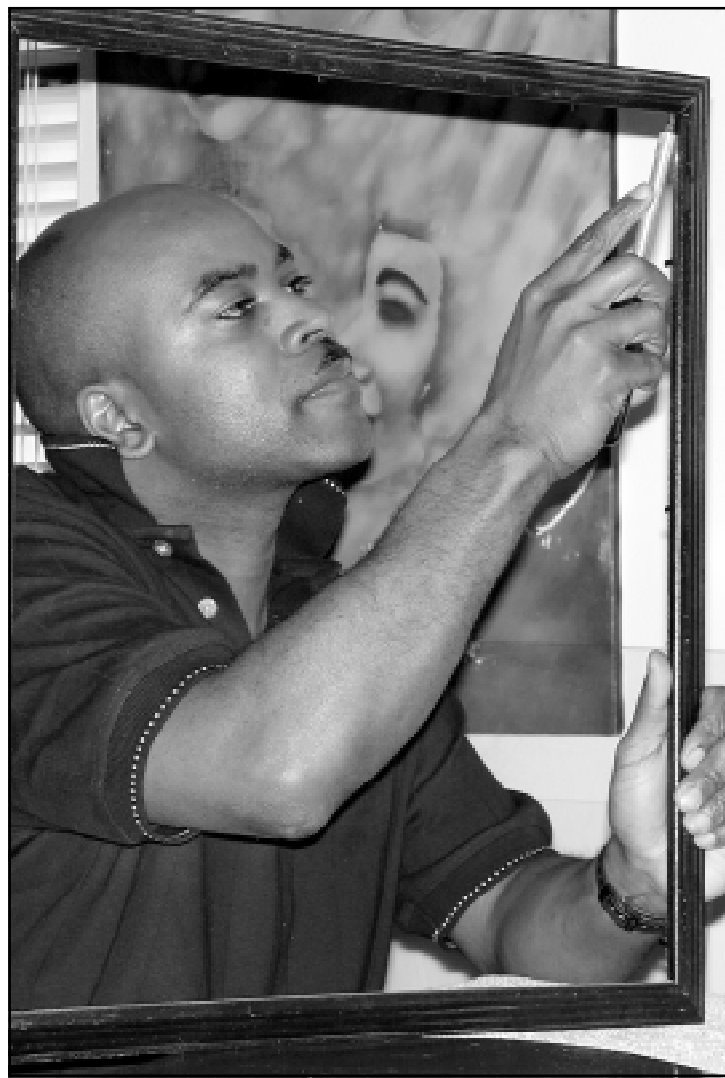


Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael O'Connor

Chaplain (Capt.) Dwayne Jones prepares a frame for one of his recent paintings.

daughter, Jasymne, before breaking away to his paint pallet, pencils, brushes and canvas.

Although painting has not been a family trait for the Joneses, his painting has touched his daughter's artistic side.

According to her mother, she's been trying to mimic

what her father does since she was 2 years old.

Jones plans to use the Montgomery G.I. Bill to further his education in art and, after retirement, start a full-time ministry and teach art to high school or college-level students.

(Courtesy of Air Mobility Command News Service)

## 'Fire,' from page 13

time to escape by warning you early when a fire is present. Install them outside sleeping areas and on each level of your home. Test them often, (monthly), keep them clean and dust-free and give them a new battery once a year. A chirping noise from your detector

means your battery is low.

The best way to survive a fire inside a building is to get out fast. Plan two escape routes from each room in your home and practice the routes with family members at least twice a year. Pick a meeting place where everyone can gather out side, and never go back in – stay out!

# Don't be summertime bug bait

## Pesky mosquitos can pose a major health problem

By Airman 1st Class Irene Neidigh  
47th Flying Training Wing Medical Group

As the summer heat begins to take effect, so will the mosquitoes. But you won't have to slap yourself silly, coat yourself in foul smelling pesticides, or wear long sleeves and pants all the time. There are simple but effective ways to prevent yourself from becoming a summertime meal, and the time to act is now!

Why should we be concerned about mosquitoes? They may be tiny insects, but they have huge potential for causing many health problems. One single bite from an infected mosquito could

lead to diseases such as Dengue Fever and many types of encephalitis that can be deadly to young children and senior citizens. The names sound foreign and exotic, but they have been seen in the United States. There have been no cases reported in Val Verde County, and with your help, we can continue to protect the health of the community and rid ourselves of these bloodsuckers.

The best way to rid yourself of mosquitoes is to destroy their breeding sites around your home; if they don't have the chance to be born, they can't bite you. The simplest way to do this is get rid of all water around your home since mosquitoes breed and lay their eggs to hatch in the water. Empty kiddie pools and turn them upside down when they are not in use. Birdbaths, although beneficial to birds, may also be a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Change the water in your birdbaths, pet dishes and vases every other day. Patrol your home, looking for anything that collects water and dump the water out regularly. If you notice low-

lying areas in your yard that collect water, try to fill the area. Watch your rain gutters and even the bottom trays of potted plants. Look for hollows in the trunks of your trees; if you notice places that collect water fill, them in with sand.

It is very difficult to get rid of every single mosquito, so it is still very important to protect yourself and especially children from these insects. Avoid going outside in the early morning or evening times. Mosquitoes are very active during cool times of the day because they can dry themselves out. If you do need to go out during these times, protect yourself with long sleeves, pants and bug spray on exposed parts. The best thing to use is insect repellent.

Public Health can use your help in avoiding the buggy blues! If you notice a place of low-lying water or know of an area that seems to be overpopulated with mosquitoes or have questions or concerns, call the Public Health Office at 298-6380.



### The wind up

Col. Jack Egginton, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, winds up to throw out the first pitch during a children's major league baseball game at the newly constructed Val Verde County Sports Center in Del Rio Monday. The pitch kicked off the season.

By Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

### 87th: basketball champs

The 87th Flying Training Squadron defeated the 47th Operations Support Squadron in the intramural championship basketball game Wednesday with a score of 62-55.

The 87th posted an undefeated season,

logging an impressive total of 627 points for the season.



The best defensive team award went to LCSAM, which allowed only 298 points scored against them throughout the entire intramural season.

### Fitness Center hours

Monday – Thursday

5 a.m. to midnight

Friday

5 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday,

Goal Days

9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Holidays

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

XL Fitness Center – 298-5251

## Sports and health programs

### Shootout winners

The XL Fitness Center hosted a 3-point shootout Saturday. The following members demonstrated their skills:

Women's champ – Dany Carrasco

Second place – Deb Gililand

Men's champ – Ryan Grant

Second place – Ryan Dobbins

In the final round, Dany Carrasco faced Ryan Grant for the overall championship. Ryan Grant won the overall competition.

### Home run derby

A softball home run derby will be held at Liberty Field April 21. For more information, call 298-5251.

### Letters of intent

Letters of intent for softball and golf are now available at the XL Fitness Center. A coaches meeting is scheduled for April 26 at 2 p.m. in the XL Fitness Center gymnasium.

For more information, call 298-5251.

### Volleyball season

Intramural volleyball season starts April 9. For more information, call 298-5251.

### All-star game

A basketball all-star game will be held in the XL Fitness Center gymnasium Monday at 8 p.m. For more information, call 298-5251.